

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

RODNEY J. PICKENS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-CV-2240

VS.

JUDGE MELANÇON

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE
COMMISSIONER
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

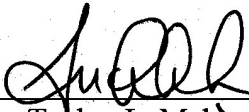
MAGISTRATE JUDGE METHVIN

JUDGMENT

This matter was referred to United States Magistrate Judge Mildred E. Methvin for her Report and Recommendation. After an independent review of the record and the applicable jurisprudence, and noting the absence of objection, this Court concludes that the Findings and Recommendation of the magistrate judge are correct and this Court adopts the conclusions set forth therein.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the Commissioner's decision is **REVERSED** and that benefits are awarded consistent with an onset date of November 2, 1997.¹

Lafayette, Louisiana this 9th day of September, 2009.



Tucker L. Melançon
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ This constitutes a "final judgment" that triggers the filing period for an EAJA fee application. Shalala v. Schaeffer, 509 U.S. 292, 113 S.Ct. 2625, 2631 (1993); Freeman v. Shalala, 2 F.3d 552 (5th Cir. 1993).